

GULF STURGEON

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You can recognize the Gulf sturgeon by the rows of bony plates along the body. This fish can grow to 8 feet long, and weigh 200 pounds. It feeds on crustaceans, marine worms, and other small bottom-dwelling animals in the Gulf of Mexico.

armor plates
protect sturgeon
from predators

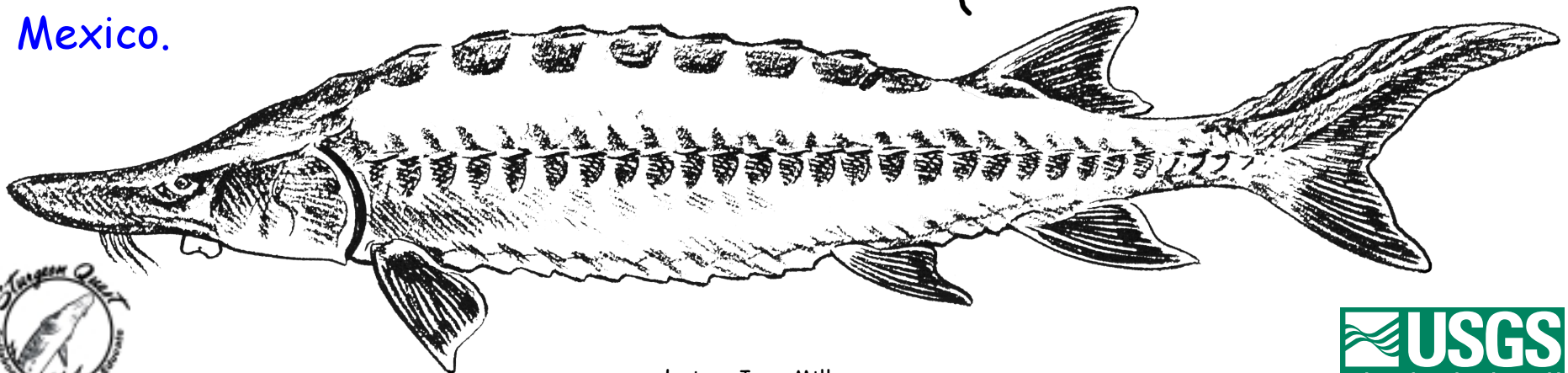
electro
sensitive
snout

barbels help
find tasty
food

Gulf sturgeon can
jump 6 feet out of
the water

Sturgeons are an ancient
group of fish that began
about 200 million years
ago in the age of the
dinosaurs

Gulf sturgeon live to about
25 years, but do not
reproduce until age 8 to 12



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